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SUBJECT: SOYBEAN EMBARGO

1. THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED BY EMBASSY WITH THE REQUEST
IT BE FORWARDED.

2. QUOTE TO THE OFFICE OF THE US SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
ATTENTION MR. EARL BUTZ.

3. DEAR SIR, RUMORS INDICATE THAT THE US-AUTHORITIES IN-
TEND TO PROHIBIT SHIPMENTS OF US-SOYBEANS, ITS PRODUCTS
AND OTHER AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, CONTRACTED FOR EX-
PORT IN THE PAST, BY MEANS OF THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED
US-EXPORT-EMBARGO.

4. WE DO NOT CONSIDER SUCH PROCEDURE AS JUSTIFIABLE,
SINCE IT WOULD MEAN THAT THE LEADING LIBERAL TRADING
COUNTRY U.S.A. WOULD DISREGARD HER INTERNATIONAL OBLI-
GATIONS ENTERED INTO IN THE COURSE OF THE PRECEDING
MONTHS.

5. AN EMBARGO EFFECTIVE WITH REGARD TO FUTURE EXPORT
TRANSACTIONS WILL CERTAINLY FIND YOUR INTERNATIONAL PART-
NERS' UNDERSTANDING AND MORAL ASSISTANCE, BUT, IN OUR
OPINION, NO WHATSOEVER DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION
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SHOULD ENTITLE A RETRACTION OF CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS,

WHICH WOULD REPRESENT A SERIOUS BLOW AGAINST THE WHOLE
WORLD TRADE AND WOULD DOUBTLESSLY ANIMATE MANY COUNTRIES
OF LESS MORAL AND INTEGRITY TO ACQUIT THEMSELVES IN A
RUDE MANNER OF LESS PROFITABLE TRANSACTIONS IN FUTURE
AT THEIR CONVENIENCE.

6. WE CAN ONLY APPEAL TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, TO DO EVERY-
THING IN ORDER TO KEEP THE MOST VALUABLE AND INDISPENS-
ABLE CONFIDENCE IN THE FULFILLMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
BUSINESS ENTIRELY FREE FROM ANY DOUBT AND TO FIND WAYS
AND MEANS THAT THE INVULNERABILITY OF THESE CONTRACTS
REMAINS GUARANTEED.

7. VERY TRULY YOURS, NORDHANDEL-GESELLSCHAFT; RUECKER,
GIEHR AND CO.; 2 HAMBURG 20. UNQUOTE
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